

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 27, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. GREEN submitted the following

R E P O R T .

*The Committee on Territories, to whom was referred the memorial of Giles S. Isham, praying a grant of land in the proposed Territory of Arizona for the purpose of establishing a colony of industrious farmers, mechanics, and artizans, have considered the same, and make the following report:*

The memorialist makes the *modest* request of land amounting to twelve miles square, equal to four entire townships, with the addition of Sharp's rifles, munitions, howitzers, and other warlike implements, for the settlement of *one hundred* inhabitants on said land within three years from the making of the grant. The committee do not know who Giles S. Isham is, nor whether he is responsible for what he undertakes to perform. It is certain that the proposition presented imposes no *obligation* on Mr. Giles S. Isham to cause the one hundred inhabitants to settle on the lands asked for, and it seems to be a mere matter of speculation on his part to profit by the proposed bill, if it should pass, but in no case to incur any responsibility.

Under these circumstances the committee do not believe Mr. Isham entitled to any special consideration on the part of Congress.

But beyond all this, the committee cannot subscribe to the dangerous doctrine that Congress can inaugurate any policy merely for the purpose of protecting the interests of farmers or mechanics. They are honorable citizens, and entitled to the full measure of consideration conceded to others; but it would be a flagrant wrong to make discriminations between any classes of our citizens, whether they be farmers or mechanics.

The committee cannot, and will not, make any distinction between them, but leave all to stand upon their merits, with the full assurance that each shall receive the reward due upon a proper consideration of the powers and the duties of the government.

The territory of the Union belongs to *all the States*, and Congress ought not to make any disposition of it which would be either *partial* or *unconstitutional*.

The prayer of the memorialist is believed to be both *wrong* and *impolitic* itself, and beyond the appropriate scope of congressional power, and it is therefore reported against.

